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Minutes 02/17/2010

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30PM O'Neill Room Community Safety Building
 2/17/10

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*		Bayer*	Phelps*	Dunn*
DeCourcey	Connors*	Simmons*	Olszewski*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan*	
Ferrara*	Franclemont*	Jones*	Deshler*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*	Carman*	Turkall*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Dave John, Ned Hall, Josephine Buxton, Jan Cuypers, Stand For Children member Vicki Ford, Vision 2020 CoChair Jane Howard, Vision 2020 Spypond Committee members Steve Ricci (CoChair), Elizabeth Karpati, Brad Barber, Bill Eykamp, Assistant Public Works Director Theresa DeBenedictis, Uncle Sam Committee Chair Larry McKinney, Summer St Neighborhood assoc Chair Jeanne Leary

MINUTES of 2/3 approved as printed. Unanimous

ART 62 WATER BODIES: Using a handout, Jane Howard reviewed the Water Bodies Fund balance & planned expenditures provided by DeBenedictis. There is not enough to cover planned treatment. She also discussed the included Phragmites Fund which is separately accounted. All input in this part of the fund is from donations and expenses are solely for elimination of phragmites. Members suggested a 10 year plan for water bodies. Spy Pond needs \$15k/yr. The Res needs are not well defined. The possibility of using the Antenna Fund, earmarked for parks & recreation, was discussed but Foskett said those funds are appropriated through the Capital Budget. VOTED \$15k. Unanimous.

ART 70 UNCLE SAM MARKET STUDY: McKinney requested \$2.5k to begin promoting Arlington as a tourist destination. The US Committee now has \$320. He promises a return w/ profit in 2 yrs. He would like to work w/ the tourism committee being discussed by the BoS. He has not talked w/ the CoC. Has not talked w/ Planning. He has no specific plan. Members stated that there is potential. VOTED to table pending discussion w/ Manager. Unanimous

ART 71 RESTORATION OF TREES: Leary reviewed the results of the Summer St rebuilding which was completed not long ago. She says the rebuilding plan, which was approved by the Town, required removing a screen of trees between her house and the rink. She provided before & after photos from different points of view. She & her neighbors now experience more noise and light at night. Some replacement trees were delivered, she says, but were diverted to McClennan field. She requested \$24k. VOTED to table pending investigation by the PubWks SubCon. Unanimous.

WARRANT REVIEW. Tosti walked members through the entire draft warrant. Turkall was requested to arrange several additional hearings. See attached list.

ART 59 COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS: VOTED to appropriate the same amount as last year for each org except Recycling Com. Turkall to request Recycling Com to discuss its use of the increased appropriation made for FY10.

ART 63 PENSION ADJUSTMENTS: One angle was discussed. Can an employee who retires on a partial pension, less than 50% of income before retirement, have his pension increased to 50% under this law? FinanceSubCom to inquire.

COMMITTEE: Goal is to finish hearings this month. Understand department budgets & correct if necessary. Vote budgets in first half of March.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE \$508,915.92

Peter B Howard 2/20/10

cc FinCom Members, Selectmen, Town Manager, Library File, Town Web Site FinCom Web Site

VOTE SUMMARY – Articles

# 2/10	#	#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Status (Unlisted votes were unanimous)
20			PAYT			request Manager
24			Tax Checkoff for CoA Transportation			request Treasurer
26			Double Pole Home Rule Legis			request Manager
28			Pension Liability Funding			request Manager
29			Transfer Crosby			request Manager
30			Transfer Parmenter			request Manager
31			Sell Crosby			request Manager
32			Sell Parmenter			request Manager
33			Accept Law to Consolidate Twn & Sch Admin			Reorg Com in April
34			Consolidate Twn & Sch Admin			Reorg Com in April
36			Dog Control			
37			Compensation of Selectmen			
39			Additional Warrant Article notification			
47			Collective Bargaining			
48			Future Collective Bargaining			
49			Salary Adjustment Elected Officials			
50			Positions Reclassification			
51			Vacation Time Bylaw			
52			Budgets			
53			Capital Budget			3/15
54			Rescind authority to borrow			
55			Sewers			3/17

56		Water			3/17
57		Minuteman Tech			2/22
58		Minutean Tech Bond Authorization			2/22
59		Committees & Commissions	2/17	2/17	\$14,760, #000 for ARC tabled
60		Celebrations			
61		Misc Appropriations			
62		Scholarship Fund Expenses			
63		Pension Adjustment			
64		Safe Routes to School			
65		Harry Barber Service Program			2/24
66		Minuteman Senior Services			2/24
67		Social Worker			2/24
68		Traffic Supervisors			2/24
69		Water Bodies	2/17	2/17	\$15,000
70		Uncle Sam	2/17		discuss w/ BoS
71		Restore Trees	2/17		discuss w/ DPW
72		Local Option Taxes			
73		OPEB			
74		Tip Fee Stab Fund			
75		Transfer of Cemetery Funds			
76		Overlay Reserve			
77		Stabilization Fund			
78		Free Cash			

VOTE SUMMARY-Budgets

#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Amount	Vote Unlisted votes were unanimous
1	FinCom				
2	Board of Selectmen				
3	Town Manager				
4	Personnel				
5	Information Technology				
6	Comptroller				
7	Treasurer				
8	Postage				
9	Assessors				
10	Legal				
11	Town Clerk				
12	Registrar of Voters				

